

APPROVED MINUTES
CITY OF MILPITAS
ARTS COMMISSION

Minutes: Meeting of the Arts Commission (AC)
Date of Meeting: Monday, January 24, 2005
Place of Meeting: Milpitas Community Center Conference Rm., 7&8, 457 E. Calaveras Blvd.

I. Call to Order The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Phantom Art Gallery Opening – Edward Wolverton

The Commission met at the Milpitas Phantom Art Gallery and presented Edward Wolverton, featured artist, a Certificate of Commendation, for his contributions to the Milpitas community through the arts. Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen, commented on the beautiful work in the Gallery and how proud the City of Milpitas is to support Arts programming and local artists. Mr. Wolverton thanked the Commission and the City of Milpitas for the opportunity to display his work.

III. Roll Call Commissioners Present: Ettinger, Foulk, Hays, Hicks, Ogle and Alternates McGuire and Butler

Commissioners Absent: Gupta, Rabe

City Council Liaison Present: Council Member Giordano

City Staff Present: Recreation Services Supervisor, Kathleen Yurchak, Program Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen

IV. Seating of Alternates

The Chair sat Alternate's McGuire and Butler in Commissioner's Rabe and Gupta absence.

V. Approval of Agenda **MOTION** to approve the Agenda of January 24, 2005.
M/S: Hays/Ogle Ayes: All

VI. Approval of Minutes **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of December 27, 2004.
M/S: Ettinger/Hays Ayes: All

VII. Citizen's Forum William Rowan
958 Chestnut St.
San Jose, CA 95110

Kevin Nguyen
1224 McLaughlin Ave.
San Jose, CA 95122

Mr. Rowan and Mr. Nguyen from Pacific Art Collective (PAC), a local non-profit arts organization, approached the Arts Commission, expressing interest in holding an arts event in Milpitas. Proceeds from the event would go to both PAC and the Arts Commission. Mr. Rowan explained that PAC's goal is to bring awareness of the arts to Art Centric areas, such as Milpitas. PAC events, on average have 200 people in attendance.

Commissioner Ettinger asked how long PAC has been in existence. Mr. Rowan answered that PAC has operated for two years and has held over 50 events in about 18 different venues. An event held in Milpitas would showcase “Milpitas” as an artist and get kids interested in the visual and performing arts. The Commission suggested the Pacific Art Collective submit a Cultural Arts Support Grant Request as well as develop a proposal for an event in the future. Staff stated that they would work with PAC and return to a future meeting with more information.

VII. Announcements/Correspondence

None

IX. Old Business

1. January Workshop Update

Recreation Services Supervisor, Yurchak, informed the Commission that their pre-work packets for the Workshop are now due, if they have not already been turned in. A spreadsheet for lunch orders from Erik’s Deli was passed around to all Commissioners’. Recreation Services Supervisor, Yurchak explained that the workshop would be videotaped, so the Commission may refer back to it at later dates. Commissioner Ogle asked why the Commission needed an outside facilitator to conduct their workshop, when in the past they have done it on their own.

Recreation Services Supervisor, Yurchak, answered, that at the request of the Commission, at previous meetings, a facilitator was arranged.

X. New Business

1. Election of Officers

The Chair opened up nominations for Chairperson.

MOTION to nominate Commissioner Foulk.

M/S: Ogle/Hays Ayes: All

The Chair opened up nominations for Vice-Chairperson.

MOTION to nominate Commissioner Ogle.

M/S: McGuire/Hicks Ayes: All

2. Phantom Art Gallery Application – Murugiah

Mr. Murugiah introduced himself to the Commission as a budding artist, who has loved art and painting since he was a child. Mr. Murugiah showed the Commission one painting, stating that his work is mainly focused on nature. The Commission asked if he had more than one painting. He stated that he only had this one as the rest of his work is in his homeland. The Commission asked that Mr. Murugiah return at a later date when he has more work to present to the Commission as they are not confident that he will have enough work to fill the gallery by the anticipated gallery showing date.

MOTION to deny the Phantom Art Gallery Application for Mr. Murugiah.

M/S: Hays/Ettinger Ayes: All

3. Milpitas Library Naming Discussion

Recreation Services Supervisor, Yurchak, explained to the Commission that they are to discuss the naming of the Milpitas Library, if they like either of the names proposed or if they have a different name they would like the Library to be called.

Commissioner Ogle stated she would like to see the Library named after Thomas Jefferson, as he was an avid reader and bookworm. Commissioner Hays stated that she feels the Library does not need a name. Chairperson Foulk suggested that if the Library needed to be named, it should be after someone who was a Milpitas resident. Commissioner McGuire said that the Weller family started the first school, church and Library in Milpitas and would be someone for whom the Library could be named. She also said that they could name individual rooms inside the Library after influential people in Milpitas and leave the name of the Library the same.

Commissioner Hicks stated that eventually, people would want to re-name the Library, it is just a matter of doing it now or after the new Library is built.

MOTION to leave the Milpitas Library named as “Milpitas Community Library”. If the Facilities Naming Committee feels that the name needs to be changed, to research a more creative name, or name it after a prominent person from Milpitas and return their ideas to the Library Advisor Commission.

M/S: Hays/Ettinger

Ayes: All

XI. Staff/Commission Reports

None

XII. Liaison Reports

1. City Council

Council Member Giordano informed the Commission that a new subcommittee was formed to make Commission appointments. City Council recently approved a KB Homes project that includes a \$30,000 art piece.

XIII. Future Agenda Items

- CASP Brochure – February
- Phantom Art Gallery Brochure – March

XIV. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting to the next scheduled workshop meeting on January 29, 2005, at 9am at Milpitas City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Lorentzen
Recording Secretary